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SUBJ: ONE DEAD, THIRTEEN WOUNDED IN ELECTRICAL WORKERS SHOOTOUT

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1. ONE PERSON WAS KILLED AND THIRTEEN REPORTEDLY WOUNDED IN A SHOOTING INCIDENT IN PUEBLA JULY 26. THE DEAD MAN IS IDENTIFIED IN PRESS REPORTS AS A RECENTLY HIRED AGENT OF THE FEDERAL SECURITY POLICE; THE WOUNDED BELONG TO THE ESTABLISHMENT FACTION OF SUTERM, THE PRI AFFILIATED, MAJOR ELECTRICAL WORKERS' UNION. APPARENTLY THE MEN WERE SHOT AS THEY WERE EXITING AN INSTALLATION OF THE FEDERAL ELECTRICITY COMMISSION; A RALLY OF RAFAEL GALVAN'S "DEMOCRATIC TENDENCY" GROUP WAS GOING ON NEARBY.

2. FIDEL VELAZQUEZ AND OTHER LEADERS OF PRI AFFILIATED UNIONS QUICKLY LABELED RAFAEL GALVAN THE "INTELLECTUAL AUTHOR" OF THE INCIDENT AND DEMANDED CRIMINAL PROSECUTION. GALVAN ISSUED A STATEMENT ATTRIBUTING THE INCIDENT TO HIRED THUGS. PRI PRESIDENT MUNOZ LEDO ALSO CONDEMNED THE ATTACK IN LANGUAGE WHICH, WHILE NOT SPECIFICALLY CHARGING GALVAN, WAS SUPPORTIVE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT GROUP.

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3. COMMENT: EITHER SIDE IN THE DISPUTE COULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INCIDENT. GALVAN'S CONTROL OVER HIS DISSIDENTS IS PROBABLY NOT SUCH THAT HE CAN RESTRAIN SOME FROM VIOLENCE. BUT IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT HIRED THUGS ARE INVOLVED. IMPORTANCE OF THE INCIDENT WILL HINGE ON WHETHER THE VIOLENCE IS USED AS A PRETEXT FOR THE REPRESSION OF THE GALVAN GROUP, A DIRECTION IN WHICH THE GOM APPEARS TO BE MOVING (SEE REF). JOVA

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